GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF TRACK DOUBLING BARASAT-HASNABAD
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the work on track-doubling in Barasat−Hasnabad section in Sealdah division under the Eastern Railways;

(b) the time by which the said work is planned to be completed;

(c) whether the Railways are aware of the fact that this section being the gateway to the Sundarbans and its proximity to Bangladesh adds it a special position; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): At present, doubling of Barasat−Sondalia (12.12 Kms) is sanctioned as Phase−I of doubling of Barasat−Hasnabad section. Earthwork and bridgeworks have been taken up.

(b): Barasat−Karea Kadamgachi (6.52 Kms) is targeted to be completed during 2007−08.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Budget outlay for the work has been increased from Rs. 1 crore during 2006−07 to Rs. 10 crore during 2007−08 to speed up the progress of the work.